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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 18, 2000

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE000286

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity
authorizing construction and
operation of a transmission line
and facilities in Prince William
County: Possum Point 500/230 kV
Stations Connection Transmission
Line

FINAL ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

Before the Commission is the application of Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power" or "Company") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction and operation of a single-circuit 230 kV transmission line and related facilities in Prince William County. The proposed transmission line would be located on property already owned by Virginia Power at its Possum Point Power Station. The proposed transmission line would run for approximately 0.75 mile between the existing Possum Point 500 kV Substation and the existing Possum Point 230 kV Substation.

According to the application, the transmission line and related facilities will allow replacement of a transformer bank at Ox Substation in Fairfax County with a new transformer bank

at Possum Point Power Station. The proposed facility will promote reliability and better utilize 230 kV transmission lines in the area.

In our Order for Notice of July 17, 2000, as modified by the Commission's Correcting Order of July 26, 2000, we directed Virginia Power to publish notice of this application in newspapers circulating in the area affected by the proposed facility and to serve notice on interested state and local officials. Virginia Power filed on August 4, 2000, an affidavit of service of notice on the officials, and the Company filed on August 28, 2000, proof of publication of the notice in newspapers. The Commission finds that, as required by § 56-46.1 B of the Code of Virginia, proper notice has been given and the Commission may proceed to consider the application. The Commission received no comments or requests for hearing on the application.

In our Order for Notice, we directed the Commission Staff to investigate the application and to file a report by September 18, 2000. In its report, the Staff recommended that the Commission grant the application and issue the appropriate certificate. The Staff concluded that the proposed 230 kV line and the new 500/230 kV transformer bank at Possum Point increases system reliability and allows for better utilization of existing transmission lines.

In conjunction with the Staff's investigation, the Department of Environmental Quality coordinated a review of the application by state environmental agencies. A copy of the report, with comments from individual agencies, was attached to the Staff Report. According to the Department of Environmental Quality, if the proposed Virginia Power project were constructed in accordance with the recommendations from the various agencies, the proposed project is "unlikely to have significant effects on transportation, forestry sources, health issues, water quality, wetlands, and geology features."

Upon consideration of the application and the Staff Report, with the Department of Environmental Quality's review attached, the Commission will grant the application and issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity. As Virginia Power set out in its application, and the Commission Staff concurred, the proposed transmission facility is required to provide adequate and reliable service in Northern Virginia. In the view of the expert environmental agencies, the project will not impose adverse impact if Virginia Power complies with existing regulatory requirements and observes the agencies' recommendations. The Commission expects that Virginia Power will secure all necessary environmental approvals and comply with all environmental requirements applicable to this project.

We also encourage the Company to cooperate with state and local officials as it plans and constructs this project.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) As provided by § 56-46.1, § 56-265.2, and related provisions of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, Virginia Power's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing construction and operation of a 230 kV transmission line in Prince William County is granted.

(2) Virginia Power is authorized to construct and operate in Prince William County a single-circuit 230 kV transmission line extending for approximately 0.75 mile between the Possum Point 500 kV Substation and the Possum Point 230 kV Substation, and related facilities.

(3) Virginia Power is issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity as follows:

Certificate No. ET-105v, for Prince William County, authorizing Virginia Power to operate the presently certificated transmission lines and facilities in Prince William County and to construct and operate the proposed transmission line and facilities in Prince William County, all as shown on map attached hereto and as authorized in Commission Case No. PUE000286; Certificate No. ET-105v will supersede Certificate No. ET-105u issued on November 9, 1994.

(4) The Division of Energy Regulation shall send an attested copy of this Order and a copy of the certificate with

map attached shall be mailed to J. T. Earwood, Jr., Senior Vice-President, Virginia Power, P.O. Box 26666, Richmond, Virginia 23261.

(5) This matter be dismissed from the Commission's docket.